

When my grandparents time at the mission school at Sonoma, PNG was almost finished when they heard that a new minister would be arriving soon. Unfortunately, there was a shortage of missionary houses so the mission board planned to put the new man with his wife, 3 children and a new baby due soon, in a tiny little house that one of the PNG teachers had moved out of. Well, my grandparents didn't think that was a good idea, so they offered to move into the tiny house instead. Their children had grown up and were now at boarding school so they didn't need the space any more, and the tiny house just wouldn't work for the new family with their young children.

Melva knew the PNG teachers would be watching her closely and if she asked for anything, they would want it too so she determined to set a good example and make the most of what she had.

One day not long before the new family arrived, she decided to go back to the big house to cut back the Bougainvillea vine. Suddenly she felt a sharp pain on her head, she tried to brush the hornet away but managed to knock her glasses off in the process. She ran away but more hornets followed to sting her. Some of the boys from the school heard her and came to see what was wrong, but as soon as they saw the hornets, they ran away too! When the hornets finally left she had 14 stings and was sick for several weeks.

That night the men found and burned the hornets nest. It was bigger than a football and when they opened it up they found it was full of baby hornets about to hatch out!

Even though she was so sick, Melva was glad they had found it before the new family came with their children.

The Bonfire

Sabbath



Have you ever been to a bonfire? _____

What did you burn? _____

Where did you have it? _____

Were there any rules you had to follow?

What rules do you have at home?

Do you have rules about what you can watch or read?

Sunday

Paul stayed in the city of Corinth for more than a year, preaching and telling people about Jesus. When he finally left, he sailed to Ephesus and then to Caesarea. He visited with the church in Jerusalem before travelling back to Antioch. Then Paul continued travelling and preaching about Jesus through the regions of Galatia and Phrygia. He finally returned to Ephesus where he stayed for two years.

God had given Paul power to perform miracles; people were even healed, just by touching a handkerchief or apron that had touched him!

Now there were seven sons of a priest named Sceva, who were travelling around casting evil spirits out of crazy people. One day they tried to cast out an evil spirit by saying "I command you in the name of Jesus, of whom Paul preaches, to come out." Instead of leaving, the evil spirit said, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" Then the crazy man ran after them and beat them up.

The story spread quickly through the city. Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices; they remembered God's command in the Old Testament of the Bible to have nothing to do with fortune-telling, sorcery, or omens, or to engage in witchcraft."

A number of them who had practiced sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire; the value of the books was several million dollars. So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect on the people.



Friday

Sorcery and witchcraft are found in many places today. Some examples are hidden in this puzzle. Cross out the words as you find them. What do the remaining letters spell?



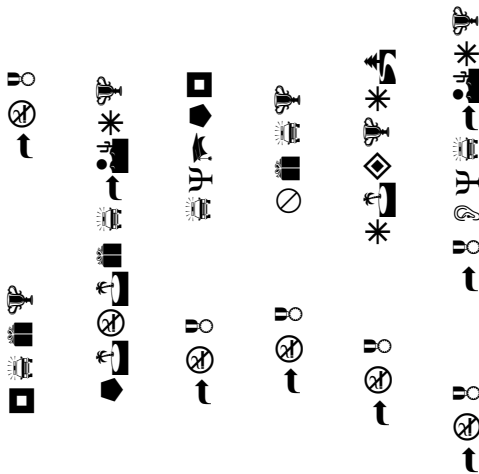
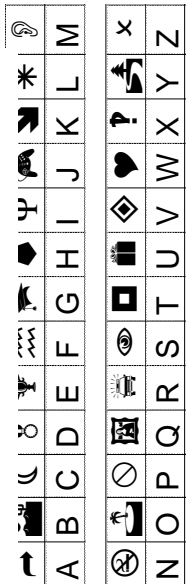
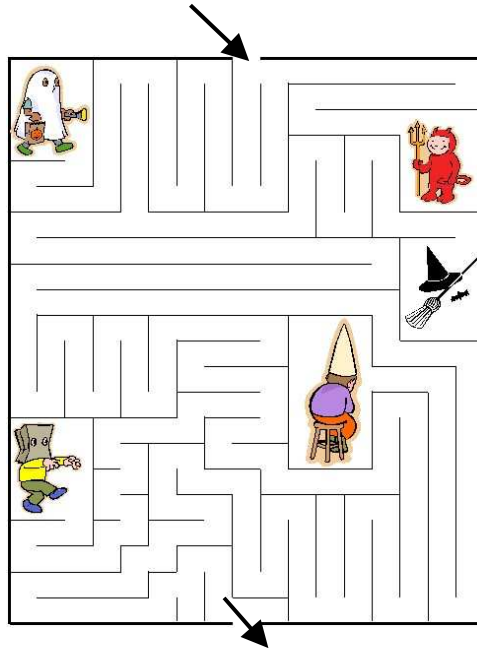
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Thursday

In Deuteronomy 18:10^{NLT}, God gave the Israelites another rule which is still applicable today. It says, "Do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft."

God also wants you to have nothing to do with witchcraft or magic. Find your way through the maze by avoiding the children playing with witchcraft or magic.

Many TV shows, movies, books and even songs have witchcraft or magic. Some are easy to recognize but others are not obvious.

Monday

Last week we learnt how the Bible is the most powerful book on earth. It tells of the past and the future, but also has the power to change lives here and now. One way to think about the Bible, is to compare it to a manual - who better to write a manual than the creator of something? In this case, the Creator of humans has given us a manual on how to have the best life in this world and in the world to come.

Included in the Bible are the Ten Commandments which are God's special rules for happiness and they can be summarised by Luke 10:27. Look it up and write it below:

The Ten Commandments are all about love; love for God and love for other people, which is not surprising since 1 John 4:8 says, "God is love."

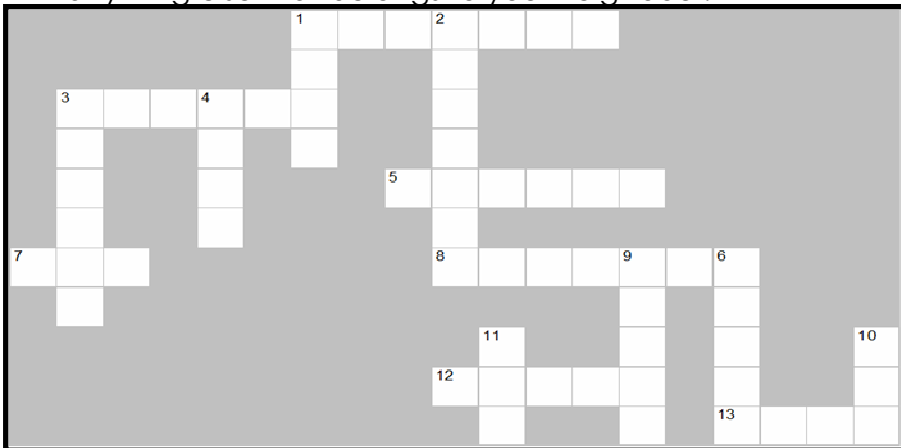
The Ten Commandments or Law of God, can be compared to a mirror. A mirror shows you when there is dirt on your face; the Ten Commandments show you when there is sin in your life. But a mirror cannot take away the dirt from your face, neither can the law remove your sins or punishment. That's why we need Jesus: if we agree, He will take our sins and punishment; that's why He died on the cross for us.

Since Jesus has taken our punishment, we don't have to live in fear of breaking the law, instead, we show our love to Jesus by doing our best, with His help, to live as He wants us to, with the Ten Commandments and Jesus example to help us.

Tuesday

Lookup the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20_{NLT} and answers these questions to finish the crossword.

1. You must not have any other ___ (10 down) but me.
2. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind... You must not bow down to them or _____ (1a) them...
3. You must not misuse the name of the _____ (13a) your _____ (11d)
4. Remember to observe the _____ (2d) day by keeping it _____ (4d). You have six days each week for your ordinary _____ (1d), but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work... ..For in six days the Lord made the _____ (8a), the _____ (9d), the _____ (7a), and everything in them...
5. Honour your _____ (5a) and _____ (3a). Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
6. You must not _____ (3d).
7. You must not commit adultery.
8. You must not _____ (6d).
9. You must not testify falsely against your neighbour.
10. You must not _____ (12a) your neighbour's house... or anything else that belongs to your neighbour."



Wednesday

Some people might be concerned that the Bible and the Ten Commandments don't cover every single situation that we face today. But if we ask God's guidance, and realise that it is not just the words, but also the principal behind the words that is important, we will find that the Bible can help us in all situations. Here are some examples.

Fit the underlined words in the grid below.

1 John 3:15 says that "Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart." – They have broken the 6th Commandment even though they have not actually killed.

Whenever God is not the **most important thing** in our **lives**, we are breaking the 1st Commandment.

An idol in the 2nd Commandment is anything that we worship, anything we place a lot of **importance**, **time** and **money** with.

Not only must we respect God's name, but **everything** about God, including, being respectful in **prayer**, **Sabbath School** and **Church** and being careful with our **Bible**.

